

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2160 - HB 2133

February 25, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires insurance companies and health plans to reimburse physician assistants if the insurance allows for payment to assistant physician in surgery and physician assistant performs that function.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Federal Expenditures - Exceeds \$200,000

Estimate assumes:

- TennCare and State Health Plan expenditures will increase because of a new required reimbursement that does not currently exist. The amount of the increase cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.
- Increased expenditures to TennCare MCOs will be reflected in increased capitation rates as long as rates are set according to an annual actuarial study.
- Physician assistants must be reimbursed separately from a global fee paid by an insurance company for surgical procedures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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